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## Workers' Compensation Commission

### CHANGES TO ATTORNEY'S FEE PETITION October 31, 2007

After reviewing the Commission's Form 61, Attorney Fee Petition, the following changes have been made effective today. The form no longer requires the claimant's social security number, adds section D - Admitted Lifetime Compensation Claim, and provides an option for the Commissioner to approve the fee with modification. Because the Commission's regulations require the attorney's fee be "deemed reasonable unless it conflicts with the South Carolina Supreme Court Disciplinary Rule on determining reasonable fees", an attachment to the Attorney Fee Petition has been developed, Form 61A, which addresses Rule 1.5(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 407. Form 61A must be submitted with the Form 61.

The Commission will issue an Order, copy attached, upon approving, modifying or disapproving each fee petition. To facilitate the processing of the fee petition, a draft Order should be submitted with each Form 61 and 61A.

If you have any questions about the Attorney Fee Petition, please contact the Commission's Claims Department at (803) 737-5723.

For further information see:

Attorney Practice and Fees, Chapter 67, Article 12 of the Regulations of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission; and  
Rule 1.5(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 407.